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Title: SYSTEM FOR PROTECTING A PERSON
FROM THE EFFECTS OF ESD

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 01/17/2003, please
amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 24: line 2, after "conductor" change "37C" to --37e--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated on the accompanying
pages.

Please add the following claims.

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--67. A method of protecting a person from surprise or
uncomfortable electrostatic discharge (ESD) comprising:
providing an electrostatic discharge (ESD) conducting
contact element;
initially contacting the ESD conducting contact element; and
preventing current from the ESD conducting contact element
from instantaneously building up.

68. A system for protecting a person from surprise or

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